

Historic Sugartown local manuscripts collection

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Historic Sugartown, Inc.

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Summary Information

Repository	Historic Sugartown, Inc.
Creator	Historic Sugartown, Inc.
Title	Historic Sugartown local manuscripts collection
Call number	02
Date	1790s-1980s
Extent	2 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was established in the early 1800s and became a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to the surrounding farming community. The Historic Sugartown local manuscripts collection, 1790s-1980s, consists of various materials such as letters, photographs, scrapbooks, and deeds that document some of Sugartown's early families and businesses. In particular, the Williams and Garrett families are well represented. Some items relating to the Hoopes family are also included.

Biography/History

Sugartown, located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, was founded in the early 1800s. Along Sugartown Road, "early residents established a school, general store, businesses and meeting places, creating a vibrant crossroads that provided goods and services to its surrounding farming community. The village was soon known as Shugart's Town, after tavern keeper Eli Shugart, and served as a vital stop for weary travelers

hauling wagonloads of goods to the markets of Philadelphia and other parts of the county. Sugartown remained a social, educational, commercial and municipal center throughout the 1800s."

Bibliography:

Historic Sugartown. "A 19th Century Crossroads." Accessed September 23, 2013. <http://www.historicsugartown.org/index.html>

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of various manuscript materials, such as letters, photographs, scrapbooks, and deeds, that document some of Sugartown's early families and businesses. In particular, the Williams and Garrett families are well represented.

The Williams family papers, 1851-circa 1900, include letters, deeds, a marriage certificate, autograph albums, and a commonplace book. Also included are Williams family photographs, circa 1865-1930s. Some items in the Williams family papers relate to the Hoopes family. The Garrett family papers consist of letters and deeds, circa 1790s-1860. There are also photographs, including cartes de visite; an autograph album relating to Warren and Thomas Garrett, 1870s-1940; and Maris Garrett's diary, 1864-1868, which contains mostly weather reports.

Other items included in the collection are as follows:

- Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain, Wayne Castle No. 73, framed charter, 1874
 - Arithmetic workbook and scrapbook, early 19th century
 - Beale, Dr. Clifford D., Dentist day book 1922-1926
 - Broomall, John, receipts, 1901-1902
 - Hall hair collection, 1840s
 - Hoopes, Lilly M., West Chester, scrapbook, circa 1890s
 - Rest Harrow house residents' diary entries and restoration information, 1927- 1980s
 - St. James Memorial Church meeting minutes, 1889
 - Unidentified photograph album, Fayetteville, NC, circa 1890s-1920s
 - Unidentified account book, 1834
 - Unidentified photograph album, circa 1910s
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Sponsor

This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Access Restrictions

Contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Materials collected by Historic Sugartown, Inc. from various sources over time.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Historic Sugartown, Inc. directly for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Garrett family
- Hoopes family
- Williams family

Geographic Name(s)

- Chester County (Pa.)
- Fayetteville (N.C.)
- Malvern (Pa.)
- Sugartown (Pa.)
- Willistown (Pa. : Township)

Subject(s)

- Genealogy
- Local history
- Quakers